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For Immediate Release

National African American Read-In

University Park, IL, January 30, 2009 - Celebrating Black History Month at Governors State University includes participating in the 20th Annual National African American Read-In on Monday, February 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Sherman Hall.

Volunteer readers celebrate literacy by reading an excerpt from a book, poem, or essay by an African American author. The program is endorsed by the International Literacy Association, and is sponsored at GSU by the College of Arts and Sciences, the English Department, the Black Caucus of the NCTE and the NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English), and Student Life.

“This is one of those events that brings people together to share the beautiful expressions of others. The words can be inspirational, moving, even comic. People read whatever they wish that has meaning to them,” said Sheree Sanderson, Director of Communications for the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Read-In is free and open to the public. Volunteer readers are encouraged to pick their favorite piece of African American literature and join the celebration.

Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois. For more information or to register as a volunteer reader, call (708) 235-3956.

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